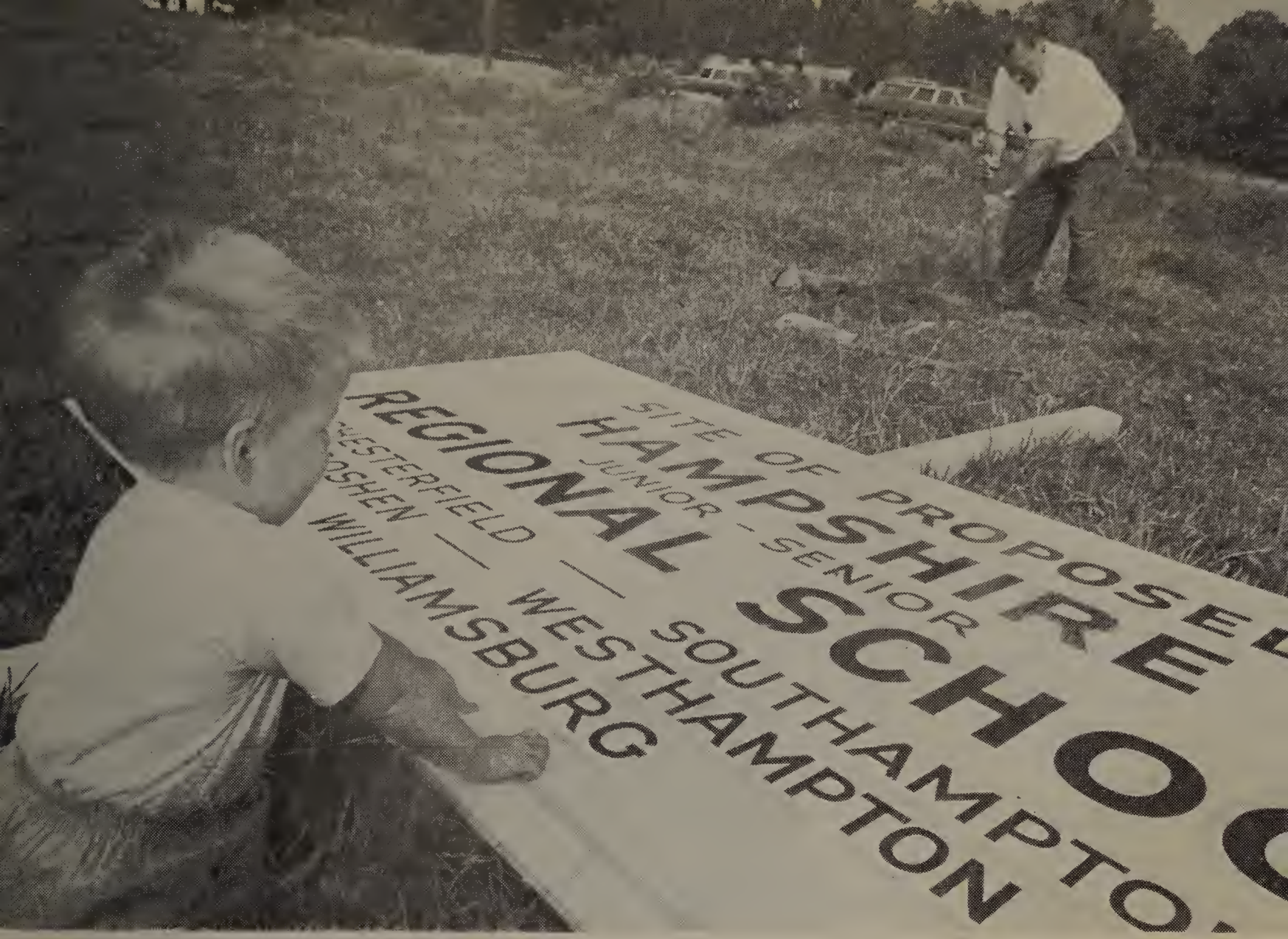

ANNUAL REPORTS

WESTHAMPTON

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN

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WESTHAMPTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

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This Annual Report of the Town of Westhampton
is dedicated to

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witherell, Sr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The most significant thing to happen to our Town in 1968 was the site selection for the Hampshire Regional High School. It is regrettable that all Towns couldn't agree on the school plans, but hopefully a reasonable solution will be found this year. Despite the fact that no school has been built our cost will go on for the next twenty years. This year our cost for the Regional School is $7,638.16.

We again call your attention to spiraling state costs. Welfare and Medicaid are but two areas which appear to be totally out of hand. It is time you realized that these extravagances are being paid for a large degree at the local level. Your taxes are direct, but indirectly the state continues to give us less money each year in the Local Aid Fund. Consequently, our local property taxes are increasing to offset the lack of Local Aid money. Each one of us can do something - take time this year to write your State Senator or Representative and just tell him you've had enough!

A great start was made towards better communications between various Town Officers and Officials. The first Ad Hoc meeting was concerned with the possible effect to Westhampton after the Regional School was operating. This foremat will be used in the future to cover many important areas where group discussions develop a well rounded course of action.

It is rewarding to note that more people are taking an interest in Town Government. Attendance at all meetings, including the recent caucus, has been high. All meetings are open and both you and the Town benefit from your attendance.

Sydney H. Cole's resignation from the Assessors after seventeen years of service was received too late last year to note in the Annual Report. We do so now with thanks for his many years of service to the Town.

We were saddened by the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witherell, Sr. Mr. Witherell served Westhampton well for over eighteen years as Tree Warden and Moth Supervisor Together they safely drove our children to and from school for many years without a mishap. They are well remembered and in their memory this report is dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. MUNSON, *Chairman*
RODNEY L. SIROIS
EARL R. GETT, SR.

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

BIRTHS

January 4, 1968 — Sharrie Ann Stasz, daughter to
Frank J. and Sandra J. Stasz

February 19, 1968 — Robert Christian Gould, son to
Gerald S. and Betty-Anne Gould

March 4, 1968 — Molly Ellen Fox, daughter to
George W. and Maureen E. Fox

April 23, 1968 — Mary Lee Lucas, daughter to
John Michael and Marilyn Jo Lucas

June 4, 1968 — Janine Marie Beaupre, daughter to
Ronald L. and Lucille M. Beaupre

August 14, 1968 — Christopher James Hickey, son to
James Gareth and Anita F. Hickey

October 24, 1968 — Troy Clark Montague, son to
Sidney A. and Louise E. Montague

MARRIAGES

February 3, 1968 — Richard Irving Hillebrand, Jr. of Williamsburg and Elizabeth M. Beaupre of Westhampton

April 20, 1968 — Charles Bobala of Northampton and
Cheryl Marion Fuller of Westhampton

May 4, 1968—Francis S. Phillips of Westhampton and
Elizabeth A. Mackey of Northampton

May 4, 1968 — Raymond A. Witherell of Westhampton and
Linda P. Demers of Easthampton

May 20, 1968 — Stephen John Cernak of Westhampton and
Hollace Dale Landry of Northampton

May 24, 1968 — Arthur W. Wright of Westhampton and
Angela Chunglo of Northampton

June 1, 1968 — Donald Emerson Lawler of Westhampton and Mary Elizabeth Celeste Dion of Lowell

June 29, 1968 — Peter Anthony Pinard of Westhampton and Constance Virginia Driscoll of Northampton

July 7, 1968 — Prahlad C. Rajam of Cambridge and Elizabeth Ann Tyrell of Westhampton

October 31, 1968 — Ernest E. Blow of Northampton and Louise L. Levesque of Westhampton

November 16, 1968—William G. Gett of Easthampton and Jean F. Appleton of Easthampton

DEATHS

	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
March 25, 1968-Clifford Harry Fisher, Sr.	55	2	9
May 11, 1968-Rose Ann (Clarkson) Sunderland	82	11	8
June 30, 1968-Eva (Stickney) Bartlett	76	10	21
July 14, 1968-Joseph Felix Brouillard	76	11	5
September 20, 1968-Marion Hyde Muther	72	2	12
November 30, 1968-Walter Raymond Witherell	69	3	22
December 1, 1968-Laura Nettie (Church) Witherell	63	10	7
December 2, 1968-Belva (Sinclair) Hunt	80	7	13

DOG LICENSES

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968 .00

Licenses Issued:

70 Male	@	$2.00	$140.00	
15 Female	@	5.00	75.00	
40 Spayed	@	2.00	60.00	
6 Kennels	@	10.00	60.00	
2 Kennels	@	25.00	50.00	
				$405.00
Paid to Town Treasurer			371.75	
Retained 133 fees @ .25			33.25	
				$405.50

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Licensed Issued:

70	Resident Fishing	@	$5.25	$367.50
20	Res. Minor Fishing	@	3.25	65.00
20	Res. Female Fishing	@	4.25	85.00
1	Alien Fishing	@	9.75	9.75
51	Res. Hunting	@	5.25	267.75
70	Res. Sporting	@	8.25	577.50
1	Res. Trapping	@	8.75	8.75
9	Archery Deer Stamps	@	1.10	9.90
7	Dup. Licenses	@	.50	3.50
13	Res. Free Licenses			--
1	Res. Fishing OAA			--
				$1,394.65

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game		$1,335.50
Retained 233 fees @	.25	58.25
Retained 9 fees @	.10	.90
		$1,394.65

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE C. BRIDGMAN

Town Clerk

I have examined the Accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

PRISCILLA A. MILLER

Auditor

DISBURSEMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CHAPTER 81—PAYROLL

Kenneth Blow	$2,973.00	
Alfred Blakesley	310.75	
Larry Wood	1,287.00	
Robert Miller	450.00	
George Tobin	19.50	
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	57.50	
Murray Clapp	43.75	
John Wright	26.00	
Raymond LaPrade	40.00	
Machine Fund	2,778.05	
		$ 7,985.55

CHAPTER 81—MATERIAL

Lane Construction	$ 337.04	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel Co.	1,046.46	
Chemical Corp.	1,113.03	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	249.57	
John S. Lane & Sons	39.76	
Edward Balise	4.50	
Charles M. Norris & Sons	83.70	
Agway, Inc.	29.95	
Omasta Bros., Inc.	30.00	
Fleury Lumber Co.	2.90	
Tobin Bros.	6.65	
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	3.20	
All States Asphalt Co.	2,001.72	
Clapp & Sarafin	74.20	
		$ 5,067.68

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE PAYROLL

Kenneth Blow	$ 408.00
Larry Wood	123.75
Robert Miller	92.00
Omasta Bros., Inc.	90.75
Leroy Lyman	54.00
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	26.25
John Wright	46.00

Murray Clapp	12.50	
George Tobin	35.00	
Machine Fund	412.10	
		$ 1,300.35

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

Westhampton Sand & Gravel	$ 154.20	
Agway, Inc.	30.95	
Lane Construction Co.	156.01	
Penn Culvert Co.	1,067.81	
Omasta Bros., Inc.	20.40	
Warner Bros., Inc.	3,078.81	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	198.84	
		$ 4,707.02

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

	1967 Appropriation	
Kenneth Blow	$ 1,905.00	
Larry Wood	384.75	
Robert Miller	176.00	
Omasta Bros., Inc.	576.50	
George Tobin	9.00	
Murray Clapp	25.00	
New England Tree Co.	50.00	
John Wright	20.00	
Dwight Church	406.00	
Alfred Blakesley	310.75	
Machine Fund	980.90	
		$ 4,846.90

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

	1967 Appropriation	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel Co.	$ 299.56	
Edward Balise	21.60	
Murray Clapp	4.00	
All States Asphalt Co.	629.82	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	1,076.27	
		$ 2,031.25

CHAPTER 679—BOND ISSUE PAYROLL

Kenneth Blow	$ 159.00	

Larry Wood	112.50	
Robert Miller	80.00	
John Wright	55.00	
Machine Fund	169.75	
	—————$	576.25

CHAPTER 679—BOND ISSUE MATERIAL

Lane Construction Corp.	$ 184.93	
Agway, Inc.	17.20	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel Co.	16.80	
	—————$	218.93

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING AND ROAD WORK

Kenneth Blow	$ 1,969.50	
Frank Montague	632.50	
Peter Montague	47.50	
Alfred Blakesley	346.62	
David Bridgman	22.00	
Ernest A. Delisle	306.00	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel Co.	523.60	
Clifford Fisher	30.00	
Chemical Corp.	484.85	
Dwight Church	589.23	
	—————$	4,951.80

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Cernak Service Station	$ 5.00
City Tire Co., Inc.	180.00
C. & I. Distributors	20.26
E. A. Delisle Co.	256.72
Pepin Fuel Co.	63.77
Cernak Farm Supply	1,194.89
Witt-Armstrong Equipment	203.10
James O. Hickey	6.75
Braun's Welding	20.05
Edward Crotty	25.00
Oliver Bishop	218.30
Irving Schultz & Co.	129.19
Mutual Ford	500.88
Agawam Tool Co.	234.50
Eastern Equipment Sales	58.60

Doty Ford		164.64	
Sportsman Marina		41.00	
Tek Bearing Co.		11.93	
Arthur Witherell		15.00	
Plumb Auto Supply		55.93	
J. W. Parsons & Son		4.75	
Graves Equipment, Inc.		112.68	
Young Broom Co.		55.00	
Construction Equipment Co., Inc.		983.90	
Farm Bureau Association		34.15	
Major Machinery		5.94	
Springfield Auto Electric Service Inc.		12.24	
			$ 4,614.17

ROAD MACHINERY & FIRE DEPT. BUILDINGS

Pepin Fuel	$	316.55	
Western Mass. Electric Co.		61.62	
Raymond Sarafin		207.18	
Stanley Bartlett		150.00	
			$ 735.35

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Munson Auto Supply	$	62.14	
C. & I. Distributors		8.06	
Mass. Fire Equipment Corp.		49.20	
Easthampton Motor Sales		6.00	
Tooty's Welding & Repair		165.44	
E. A. Delisle Co.		5.44	
Northampton Plumbing Supply		47.74	
R. D. Shipman		10.00	
Karl's Service Shop		14.55	
James R. Shea		60.00	
			$ 428.57

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

David K. Bridgman	$	150.00

CONTINGENT FUND

Registry of Deeds	$	43.80
County Commissioner's		5.00
Gary Anderson Dog Officer		89.00

Hemenway Insurance Agency	45.00	
Diane C. Parker	4.56	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Smith Business Forms Corp.	81.27	
The Equitable Life Assurance Co. the U. S.	13.72	
		$ 292.35

TOWN HALL

Western Mass. Electric Co.	$ 317.84	
Pepin Fuel Co.	528.43	
Foster Farrar Co.	8.25	
Stanley Bartlett	300.64	
Sabin's	45.80	
R. C. Pratt Roofing Contract	160.00	
Royal Paper Co., Inc.	7.57	
Easthampton Hardware, Inc.	30.29	
Westhampton Water Co. Dr.	34.00	
Hampshire Supply Co.	1.76	
		$ 1,434.58

TOWN OFFICERS

A. Lyman Snow	$ 129.50
Jeanne C. Bridgman	450.00
Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n.	8.00
Ass'n Mass. Assessors	12.00
Ass'n Town Finance Com.	15.00
Mass. Tax Collectors Ass'n.	3.00
Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n.	15.00
Mass. Treasurer's Ass'n.	3.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Com.	46.64
James E. Faulkner	2.00
Lucy E. Inman	43.13
John W. Lynes	43.13
Gilbert I. Flint	12.50
Richard W. Tracy	20.00
Hampshire County Selectmen's Ass'n.	5.00
Jean W. Norris	201.88
Stanley Greenberg	16.66
Sydney Cole	41.66
James Hickey	41.66

Phillip Clapp	69.21	
Anita F. Hickey	6.88	
Harold Lacombe	30.63	
Mass. League of Cities and Towns	25.00	
Robert Crossman	3.75	
Frank Munson	391.36	
Rodney Sirois	350.00	
Earl R. Gett, Sr.	389.43	
Sidney Montague	250.00	
Edwin Lawler	208.34	
David Morse	208.34	
Philip Norris	100.00	
Mary Lee Morse	100.00	
Robert E. Miller	83.34	
Olga Hathaway	548.12	
Charles Ognibene	500.00	
Priscilla Miller	50.00	
Francis Loud	100.00	
Garry Anderson	25.00	
National Library Bindery Co.	5.25	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	11.27	
Commissioners of Public Safety	5.00	
	————	$ 4,571.68

LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Western Mass. Electric Co.	$ 35.88	
Cernak Fuel	110.67	
Seventeen	5.00	
Mrs. Paul Swanson	398.08	
Supt. of Documents	4.00	
National Geog. Society	3.70	
Literary Guild of America	30.13	
George H. Howard Ins.	81.00	
Henrietta P. Miller	10.00	
H. R. Huntting Co., Inc.	278.51	
The Atlantic Monthly	4.25	
New England Bindery, Inc.	2.42	
Stanley Bartlett	25.00	
Library Book House	59.84	
Good Housekeeping Mag.	5.00	

Readers Digest	3 97	
National Geographic Magazine	7.50	
Sports Afield	4.00	
Popular Mechanics	4.00	
Bro Dart, Inc.	34.80	
		$ 1,107.75

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Stanley Bartlett		$ 458.34

CEMETERY INTEREST

Westhampton Water Co.		$ 5.00

CEMETERY INTEREST TOTMAN FUND

Stanley Bartlett—Caretaker		$ 91.66

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	$ 104.86	
Pioneer Valley Stamp Co.	8.63	
Easthampton News Co.	489.28	
Marcus Printing Co.	64.00	
Town Treasurer	15.26	
H. S. Gere & Sons, Inc.. Dr.	38.40	
Commonwealth of Mass.	2.75	
Albert I. Cartledge	6.27	
Haskell & Gilbert Div.	9.65	
Sincage Printing	30.00	
Olga C. Hathaway	4.81	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.	4.05	
National Library Bindery	2.50	
Dinah K. DeCelle	14.62	
Daily Hampshire Gazette	2.80	
Frank Munson	1.91	
		$ 799.79

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Eleanor Scott, R.N.	$ 60.00	
Stella D. Swanson	25.00	
Theodore K. Selkirk, M.D.	80.00	
		$ 165.00

POLIO AND DIPTHERIA CLINIC

Eleanor Scott, R.N.	$ 35.00	
Theodore K. Selkirk, M.D.	25.00	
	——— $	60.00

POSTAGE AND TELEPHONE

New England Telephone	$ 422.52	
Easthampton Postmaster	72.00	
Eleanor Clapp	3.25	
Earl R. Gett, Sr.	3.40	
Jean W. Norris	13.96	
Jeanne Bridgman	27.90	
Garry Anderson	1.80	
Charles Ognibene	10.53	
Frank Munson	7.50	
Jessie Cole	3.00	
Linda Sirois	3.98	
Francis H. Loud	4.25	
Olga C. Hathaway	7.31	
Frederick Brown	2.06	
	——— $	583.46

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Edwin Lawler	$ 5.00	
Frank Munson	7.90	
Earl R. Gett, Sr.	12.00	
	——— $	24.90

CLERICAL HIRE

Linda Sirois	$ 150.00	
Jessie Cole	150.00	
	——— $	300.00

TOWN DUMP FUND

Karoline Belz	$	750.00

INTEREST, INSURANCE AND BONDS

King and Cushman, Inc.	$ 949.00	
Salls-Whalen Ins. Co.	1,871.98	
Walter A. Howell Ins.	171.00	
Williamsburg Insurance Agency	50.00	
	——— $	3,041.98

PARKING LOT

Alfred Blakesley	$ 74.25	
Charles Norris	42.30	
Kenneth Blow	81.00	
New England Metal Culvert	49.93	
Larry Wood	29.25	
Robert Miller	26.00	
Edward Balise	5.40	
Ernest A. Delisle	54.00	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel Inc.	32.40	
		$ 394.53

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proportionate Share for 1968	$ 3,164.15

SCHOOL ADDITION — NOTE PLUS INTEREST

First National Bank of Northampton	$ 1,725.00

TAX ABATEMENTS

E. A. Delisle	$ 20.07
Freeman Scott	11.55
Patrick G. English	12.37
George W. Fox	28.60
Peter Aloisi	14.50
Don and Renee Putnam	13.75
William Tobin	6.60
Patricia Struthers	6.60
Rita Schumann	83.60
Clifford Judecki	11.00
David Laprade	14.50
Arthur W. Wright	11.00
Dorothy W. Loud	19.25
Frank D. Miller	15.40
Ronald A. Patterson	12.37
Walter Witherell, Sr.	6.87
Harold W. Lacombe	17.32
Edmund Moekel	4.95
Stanley Greenberg	56.00
Joseph LaCourse	56.00
William Orzolek	56.00
Rose C. LaRose	56.00

Gilbert Flint	50.00	
Walter P. Muther	6.60	
Lauris and Gail Fernald	19.60	
Eleanor and Philip Clapp	78.96	
Ernest and Anna Wiburg	43.12	
Emma Stuart	435.44	
David and Jeanne Bridgman	14.14	
Irving and Kathleen Geary	56.00	
Henry J. Payson	350.00	
Bertha Parsons	4.13	
Mahlon K. Parsons	6.60	
Evelyn F. Montague	6.88	
Robert W. White	26.40	
Valarie Anne LaPalme	37.85	
George A. Smith	1.85	
Thomas Hathaway	24.40	
David Bridgman	4.60	
		$ 1,700.87

FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX

First National Bank of Northampton	$ 7,500.44	

COMMONWEALTH OF MASS. WITHHOLDING TAX

State Withholding Tax	$ 1,246.66	

COMPENSATION ON COMM. WITHHOLDING TAX

State Tax Compensation	$ 22.70	

TAXES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Recreation and Parks	$ 1,659.20	

COUNTY TAX

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$ 7,496.79	

COUNTY DEFICIT TAX

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$ 662.01	

DOG LICENSES

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$ 371.75	

TRUST FUNDS

Thayer Fund		
Church Treasurer	$ 22.13	
Treasurer of Westhampton	22.12	
		$ 44.25

Street and Wright Fund			
Christine Hickey, Treasurer	$	105.32	
MEMORIAL DAY			
Mrs. Pauline Delisle	$	32.47	
VACATION PAY			
Kenneth Blow	$	270.00	
RECREATION COMMITTEE			
Valley Sport Center	$	91.16	
INSECT PEST CONTROL			
Ernest Witherell	$	14.00	
CONSTABLE ACCOUNT			
James O. Hickey	$	15.25	
Frank B. Montague		9.00	
		—— $	24.25
POLICE ACCOUNT			
Charles Inman	$	7.40	
James Hickey		7.40	
Frank Montague		7.20	
Francis H. Loud		30.00	
		—— $	52.00
COUNSEL FEES			
Lewis A. Whitney, Jr., Esq.	$	222.00	
DUTCH ELM DISEASE			
Estate of Walter Witherell, Sr.	$	84.00	
VETERAN'S RELIEF			
Statewide Painting Contract			
U.S. Flags 4 doz.	$	12.80	
LAND DAMAGE ACCOUNT			
Myron Hathaway	$	100.00	
R. Judd and Virginia Prickett	$	100.00	
Daniel and Jessie Krug		100.00	
R. Judd and Virginia Prickett		100.00	
		—— $	300.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM			
Treasurer of Hampshire County	$	705.62	

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM TAX

Hampshire County Commissioners	$ 1,708.24	

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Clapp and Sarafin	$ 323.90	
Kenneth Blow	27.00	
Larry Wood	18.00	
E. A. Delisle Co.	3.00	
Oliver Bishop	48.00	
Leroy Lyman	96.00	
	———	$ 515.90

CIVIL DEFENSE

Comm. of Mass.	$ 12.00	
Civil Defense Training Academy	42.00	
Comm. of Mass. State Agency Surplus Property	10.00	
	———	$ 64.00

TREE REMOVAL

Kenneth Blow	$ 9.00	
Dwight Church	8.25	
Alfred Blakesley	8.25	
New England Tree Expert Co.	30.00	
	———	$ 55.50

HOLIDAY PAY

Kenneth Blow	$ 135.00	
Frank Montague	24.75	
	———	$ 159.75

STABILIZATION FUND

Vote of Town Meeting	$ 5,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT

3 Cases Aided	$ 1,040.95

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN APPROPRIATION

3 Cases Aided	$ 112.95

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Treasurer Tekoa Welfare District	$ 548.00

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT

21 Cases Aided	$ 6,858.65

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE—TOWN APPROPRIATION

21 Cases Aided	$ 7,038.60

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FEDERAL GRANT

2 Cases Aided	$ 1,085.90

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN—TOWN APPRO.

2 Cases Aided	$ 848.45

RECAPITULATION

Chapter 81—Payroll	$ 7,985.55
Chapter 81—Material	5,067.68
Chapter 90—Maintenance Payroll	1,300.35
Chapter 90—Construction Material	2,011.25
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll	4,846.90
Chapter 90 Construction Material	2,011.25
Chapter 679 Bond Issue Payroll	576.25
Chapter 679 Bond Issue Material	218.92
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	4,951.80
Road Machinery Account	4,614.17
Road Machinery & Fire Dept. Buildings	735.35
Fire Department	428.57
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Contingent Fund	292.35
Tows Hall	1,434.58
Town Officers	4,571.68
Library Account	1,107.75
Cemetery Account	458.34
Cemetery Interest	5.00
Cemetery Interest Totman Fund	91.66
Printing and Supplies	799.79
Well Child Clinic	165.00
Polio and Diphtheria Clinic	60.00
Postage and Telephone	583.46
Travel Expense	24.90
Clerical Hire	300.00

Town Dump Fund	750.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	3,041.98
Parking Lot	394.53
Hampshire Regional School District	3,164.15
School Addition—Note Plus Interest	1,725.00
Tax Abatements	1,700.87
Federal Withholding Tax	7,500.44
Commonwealth of Mass. Withholding	1,246.66
Compensation of Comm. Withholding	22.70
Taxes	1,659.20
County Tax	7,496.79
County Deficit Tax	662.01
Dog Licenses	371.75
Trust Funds	44.25
Memorial Day	32.47
Vacation Pay	270.00
Recreation Committee	91.16
Insect Pest Control	14.00
Constable Account	24.25
Police Account	52.00
Counsel Fees	222.00
Dutch Elm Disease	84.00
Veterans Relief	12.80
Land Damage Account	300.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	705.62
Hampshire County Retirement System Tax	1.708.24
Bridges and Railings	515.90
Civil Defense	64.00
Tree Removal	55.50
Holiday Pay	159.75
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance—Federal Grant	1,040.95
Old Age Assistance—Town Approp.	112.95
Old Age Assistance—Administration	548.00
Medical Assistance—Federal Grant	6,858.65
Medical Assistance—Town Approp.	7,038.60
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal Grant	1,085.90
Aid to Dependent Children—Town Approp.	848.45

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1969

	Spent 1968	1969
Town Hall Account	$ 1,290.58	$ 1,700.00
Town Officers	4,550.16	4,800.00
Chapter 81	675.00	675.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Construction	4,250.00	4,750.00
Snow Removal, Sanding & R W	4,951.80	6,000.00
Road Machinery Account	4,614.17	6,000.00
Bridges & Railings	515.90	500.00
Road Machinery & Fire Dept.	721.54	800.00
Fire Dept.	428.57	400.00
Fire Chief & Forest Warden	150.00	150.00
Contingent	292.35	500.00
Library (Plus Dog Fund)	500.00 (107.75 dog fund)	750.00
Cemetery	458.34	550.00
Printing & Supplies	821.31	1,000.00
Diphtheria & Polio	60.00	100.00
Well Child Clinic	165.00	375.00
Postage and Telephone	583.46	750.00
County Retirement System Tax	1,708.24	1,330.70
Memorial Day	32.47	40.00
Vacation Pay	270.00	270.00
Recreation	91.16	125.00
Insect Pest Control	14.00	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	84.00	177.31
Civil Defense	64.00	100.00
Police Chief	100.00	100.00
Police Account	52.00	50.00
Constable Account	24.25	150.00
Veterans Relief	12.80	100.00
Rabies Vaccine	0	50.00
Fire Patrol	0	100.00
Travel Expense	24.90	100.00
Board of Health	0	100.00
Land Damage	300.00	300.00
Reserve Fund	933.18	2,000.00
Tree Removal	55.50	100.00

Counsel Fees	222.00	350.00
School Addition Plus Int.	1,725.00	1,687.50
Parking Lot	394.53	300.00
Clerical Hire	300.00	300.00
Town Dump	750.00	900.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	3,041.98	3,300.00
Hampshire Regional School	3,164.15	7,638.16
Group Insurance	0	750.00
Holiday Pay		324.00
TOTAL	$40.439.54	$53,142.67

JURORS DRAWN IN 1968

Jan. 2	Sidney Montague	Grand Jury
Mar. 25	Robert Norris	Traverse Jury
Mar. 25	John McGinnis	Traverse Jury
April 15	Ralph Rogers	Traverse Jury
July 22	Rene Reyes	Traverse Jury
Oct. 10	Theodore Derouin	Traverse Jury

NAMES IN JURY BOX 1969

Mrs. W. B. Miller	Paul Swanson
John Schumann	Leo Aloisi
Percy Fuller	Alfred Barrett
Mrs. Richard Williams	Madeline Foxx

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

Schools	$132,447.50
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	2,000.00
School Addition and Interest	1,725.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	4,800.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	150.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	3,300.00
Town Hall Acount	1,450.00
Printing and Supplies	750.00
Library	500.00
Library, Chapter 760	500.00
Contingent	300.00
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	5,000.00
Veteran's Relief	100.00
Cemetery	550.00
Travel Expense	100.00
Fire Department	400.00
Road Machinery & Fire Dept. Building	800.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Police Chief	100.00
Postage and Telephone	550.00
Board of Health	100.00
Polio and Diphtheria Clinic	100.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Public Welfare Administration	584.00
Police Account	50.00
Constables Account	150.00
Civilian Defense	100.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	177.31
Recreation Committee	125.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Clerical Hire	300.00
Vacation Pay	400.50

Town Dump	900.00	
Hampshire County Retirement System	1,708.24	
Land Damage	200.00	
Tree Removal	100.00	
Counsel Fees	100.00	
Parking Lot	400.00	
Regional School Committee	964.15	
Paid Holidays	310.50	
		$163,907.20
1967 Deficit (State Parks)	135.21	
Offset to Cherry Sheet School Lunch	19.69	
Library	500.00	
County Tax	7,772.89	
County Hospital	662.01	
Audit of Town Accountants	910.91	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	82.95	
State Assessment System	50.00	
Overlay of Current Year	7,078.10	
State Parks and Reservation	534.16	
		$ 17,745.92

FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY

Highways, Chapter 90 Construction	4,250.00	
Highways. Chapter 81 & Chapter 90	18,000.00	
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Regional School Committee	2,000.00	
Public Welfare Assistance	8,000.00	
Road Machinery Account	4,000.00	
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Total from Available Funds		$ 42,450.00
Total Appropriations		$224,103.12

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	$ 14,511.64
Licenses	63.50
Fines	124.00
General Government	10.00
Protection of Persons Property	83.00
Health and Sanitation	12.50
Highways	457.00

Interest	976.49	
Farm Animal	316.49	
Estimated Receipts from Cherry Sheet	47.885.33	
County Tax—Overestimate	308.55	
Total Estimated Receipts	64,748.50	
Total Available Funds	42,450.00	
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	107,198.50	
Total Amount Raised on Property	116,904.62	
		224,103.12
Personal Property Valuation	512,745.00	
Real Estate Valuation	3,662,420.00	
		4,175.165.00
Tax on Personal Property	14,356.86	
Tax on Real Estate	102,547.76	
		116,904.62
Tax Rate		28.00
Motor Vehicle Tax 1967 in 1968		810.92
Motor Vehicle Tax		16,917.16
Abatements, 1967 in 1968 Motor Vehicle Excise		325.70
Abatements, 1968 Motor Vehicle Excise		844.51
Abatements, 1968 Real Estate		1,915.36
Abatements, 1968 Personal Property		2.80
Exemptions, 1968 Real Estate Veterans		640.00
Exemptions, Real Estate Certain Elderly Persons		4,691.72

FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Horses	Cows	Bulls & Steers	Swine	Sheep	Fowl
4	366	8	118	0	1,195

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Year	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Swine	Fowl	Dwellings
1966	29	20	0	21	0	302
1967	46	23	36	2	0	307
1968	47	15	26	0	0	311

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY A. MONTAGUE, *Chairman*
DAVID W. MORSE
EDWIN E. LAWLER

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR — 1968

1965	Personal Property Tax		
	Tax Due	1,437.24	
	Tax Collected	1,437.24	
	Tax Outstanding		
	Demand Fees Collected	1.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	1.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	322.76	
1966	Real Estate Tax		
	Tax Dues	948.99	
	Abatements	(-681.46)	
	Tax Collected	267.53	
	Tax Outstanding		
	Demand Fees Collected	1.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	1.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	41.98	
1966	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Tax Due	89.10	
	Tax Collected	89.10	
	Tax Outstanding		
	Demand Fees Collected	2.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	2.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	6.56	
1967	Farm Animal Tax		
	Tax Due	100.25	
	Tax Collected	100.25	
	Tax Outstanding		
	Demand Fees Collected	2.00	
	Interest Fees Collected	1.00	
1967	Personal Property Tax		
	Tax Due	624.00	
	Abatements	(-4.80)	
	Tax Collected	251.20	
	Tax Outstanding		368.00
	Demand Fees Collected	9.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	2.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	9.97	

1967	Real Estate Tax		
	Tax Due	12,798.55	
	Abatements	(-536.00)	
	Tax Collected	12,025.48	
	Tax Outstanding		237.07
	Demand Fees Collected	46.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	7.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	221.58	
1967	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Tax Due 1/1/68	1,285.75	
	Commitment issued 1/26/68	611.65	
	Commitment issued 4/25/68	178.37	
	Commitment issued 5/1/68	20.90	
	Abatements	(-52.80)	
	Total Tax Due	2,043.87	
	Tax Collected	1,999.87	
	Tax Outstanding		44.00
	Demand Fees Collected	27.00	
	Warrant Fees Collected	19.00	
	Interest Charges Collected	41.94	
1968	Farm Animal Tax		
	Commitment Issued 5/29/68	316.49	
	Tax Collected	281.74	
	Tax Outstanding		34.75
1968	Personal Property Tax		
	Commitment issued 6/26/68	14,356.86	
	Tax Collected	13,851.46	
	Abatements	(-2.80)	
	Tax Outstanding		502.60
1968	Real Estate Tax	102,547.76	
	Real Estate Tax		
	Commitment issued 6/26/68	(-4,678.36)	
	Tax Collected	87,870.75	
	Tax Outstanding		9,998.65
	Interest Collected	1.00	
	Overpayment received	22.40	

1968 Motor Vehicle Excise		
1st Commitment issued 2/15/68	627.00	
2nd Commitment issued 3/20/68	1,795.20	
3rd Commitment issued 4/10/68	821.70	
4th Commitment issued 5/29/68	2,444.70	
6th Commitment issued 7/18/68	2,541.88	
7th Commitment issued 8/26/68	1,905.02	
8th Commitment issued 9/18/68	833.26	
9th Commitment issued 10/28/68	904.03	
10th Commitment issued 11/18/68	1,966.27	
11th Commitment issued 12/19/68	256.60	
Total Commitment issued	16,917.16	
Abatements	(-587.72)	
Tax Collected	13,990.64	
Tax Outstanding	———	2,338.80
Demand Fees Collected	17.00	

RECAPITULATION

Taxes Due	152,233.07	
Abatements	(-6,543.94)	
Total Taxes Due	145,689.13	
Total Taxes Collected	132,165.26	
Total Taxes Outstanding	———	13,523.87
Total Demand Fees Collected	105.00	
Total Warrant Fees Collected	32.00	
Total Interest Charges	646.79	
Total Overpayments Received	22.40	

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES OGNIBENE

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968			$ 61,155.97
Taxes and Interest received from Collector:			
1965 Personal Property Tax		$ 1,437.24	
Interest		322.76	
Demand		1.00	
Warrant		1.00	
			1,762.00
1966 Real Estate		267.53	
Excise		89.10	
Interest		48.54	
Demand		3.00	
Warrant		3.00	
			411.17
1967 Real Estate		12,025.48	
Personal Property		251.20	
Excise		1,999.87	
Farm Excise		100.25	
Interest		274.49	
Demand		84.00	
Warrant		28.00	
			14,763.29
1968 Real Estate		87,893.15	
Personal Property		13,851.46	
Excise		13,990.64	
Farm Excise		281.74	
Interest		1.00	
Demand		17.00	
			116,034.99
Highways:			
From Massachusetts State Treasurer			
Chap. 81 1967 Contract		7,254.18	
Chap. 81 1968 Contract		6,922.59	
Chap. 90 Const. 1968 Contract		8,500.00	
Chap. 90 Maint. 1968 Contract		2,000.00	

Snow Removal	308.00	
Highway Improvement Chap. 616	2,500.00	
		27,484.77
From Hampshire County Treasurer		
Chap. 90 Const. 1966 Contract	4,250.00	
Chap. 90 Maint. 1967 Contract	2.000.00	
		6,250.00
Old Age Assistance:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Federal Grant for Aid	815.00	
State Aid	402.94	
Meal Taxes	126.47	
		1,344.41
Medical Assistance:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Federal Grant for Aid	6,594.90	
State Aid	6,169.50	
		12,764.40
Aid to Families with Dependent Children:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Federal Grant for Aid	1,672.00	
State Aid	1,122.27	
		2,794.27
Schools:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
School Aid Chapter 70	10,593.75	
School Aid Chapter 69 & 71	263.00	
Vocational Transportation	1,752.18	
Transportation of Pupils	7,946.07	
State Ward Transportation	280.74	
State Ward Tuition	1,402.33	
National Defense Education III	82.81	
		22,320.88
School Milk Program:		
Sale of Milk to Pupils	478.04	
State Reimbursement	386.13	
		864.17

Other Income:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
State Aid to Free Public Libraries	500.00	
Livestock Disease Control	12.50	
State Tax Basis	10,680.00	
G.L. Chap. 12-Salt Case	27.26	
Mass. Public Health Refund	307.39	
		11,527.15
From Hampshire County Treasurer		
Dog License Refund	107.75	
Kill and Care	93.50	
		201.25
Miscellaneous:		
Federal Withholding Tax Deduc.	7,711.85	
State Tax Deductions	1,410.92	
State Tax Employer's Compensation	22.70	
Retirement Deductions	705.53	
From Town Clerk Dog Licenses	371.75	
Savings Account Interest	1,176.68	
Use of Town Machinery	35.00	
Pistol Permits	72.00	
Gun Registration	142.00	
3rd. Cl. Motor Veh. Dealers License	25.00	
Lord's Day License	5.00	
Milk Dealers License	2.00	
Family Type Camp License	2.50	
Tourist Camp License	2.50	
Sewage Disposal Installers Permits	6.00	
District Court Fees	10.00	
School Dept.-Damaged Books	4.00	
Teller's Check Returned	6.88	
Teacher's Annuities Refund	4.56	
Machine Fund Earnings	4,340.80	
Lien on Property	8,900.00	
		24,957.67
Interest From Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	165.54	

Welfare		
Whiting Street Fund	61.07	
Wright Fund	44.25	
Thayer Fund	44.25	
		315.11
		$304,951.50

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	$104,239.17	
Paid School Committee Orders	129,495.23	
Paid Cooper's Dairy	732.73	
Paid N.E.D.A. III	67.15	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1969	70,417.22	
		$304,951.50

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1968	5,596.99	
Department Earnings	4,340.80	
Received from State for Snow Removal	308.00	
		$ 10,245.79
Transferred to Road Mach. Account		4,000.00
Balance on Hand January 1, 1969		$ 6,245.79

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968	$11,286.63	
Deposited in 1968	5,000.00	
Interest Income for 1968	505.71	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1969		$ 16,792.34

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1967 Excise	$ 44.00	
1967 Real Estate	237.07	
1967 Personal Property	368.00	
1968 Excise	2,338.80	
1968 Real Estate	9,998.65	
1968 Personal Property	502.60	
1968 Farm Excise	34.75	
		$ 13,523.87

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Cemetery:

Principal		1968 Interest	
$2,000.00	Lucy Totman	$ 90.00	
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	22.13	
500.00	Charles G. Loud	22.50	
100.00	Myra G. Strong	4.43	
100.00	Sarah C. Cook	4.43	
100.00	George Burt	4.43	
100.00	Samuel Edwards	4.43	
100.00	Arthur L. Searle	4.43	
100.00	Emma G. Damon	4.43	
50.00	David L. Brown	2.21	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	2.12	
			$ 165.54

Welfare:

$1,380.85	Whiting Street	$ 61.07	
1,000.00	Wright	44.25	
1,000.00	Thayer	44.25	
			$ 149.57
			$ 315.11

Respectfully submitted,
OLGA C. HATHAWAY
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them to be as submitted, showing disbursements to the amount of $304,951.50, which includes paid selectmen's orders- $104,239.17; paid school orders- $129,495.23; paid Cooper's Dairy- $732.73; and paid N.E.D.A. III $$67.15. Also shiwing a balance on hand of $70,417.22 which includes Florence Savings Bank $17,954.63; Easthampton Savings Bank $24,829.72; and First National Bank of Northampton $27,632.87.

PRISCILLA A. MILLER
Auditor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Westhampton School Committee at its opening organized as follows: Phillip Norris as chairman and Regional School Committee, member and Mary Lee Morse as secretary.

Worthington withdrew from our School Union 51 because they felt it would be more convenient to be affiliated with the Gateway Regional District. Goshen, being a member of the Hampshire Regional District, requested membership in our school Union. It was voted at the annual meeting, held in Chesterfield, to dissolve School Union 51 comprised of the towns of Chesterfield, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington and to reorganize as School Union 66 substituting the town of Goshen for Worthington. This change became effective July 1, 1968.

We were very fortunate to acquire the services of Mr. Richard Dragon of Northampton, formerly Superintendent of Union 41, as our assistant Superintendent. Mr. Dragon's duties will include writing projects to apply for Federal funds which will enable us to take advantage of many programs that will strengthen curriculum. He is also working closely with the elementary schools which enables Mr. Buss to devote more of his time to the High School and the planning of the Regional School.

There was a considerable turnover of personnel this year as four out of the six teachers have left our school. It was with regret that we accepted Mrs. Anderson's resignation as she has given many years of dedication and service to the Westhampton Center School and the teaching profession. We wish her well in her retirement. Our good wishes go with Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Piehler as they leave teaching to devote their time and energy to raising their families. We wish Mr. Fedor much success in his new business. We were, however, very fortunate to have been able to employ four very capable, enthusiastic and dedicated teachers. Mr. Flanagan has very successfully taken over as the school principal and sixth grade teacher. The other new teachers are: Miss Subocz, grade 1; Mrs. Adam, grade 3; and Mrs. Ladd, grade 5.

We are grateful to the Easthampton Rotary Club, through the efforts of Mr. Rodney Sirois, for the gift of the new "Muscle Builder" gym set. This piece of equipment has been used every day and has been included in the structured physical education program by the teachers. We also would like to thank the many town citizens who volunteered to help erect this piece of equipment.

We would like to extend a special vote of thanks to Road Superintendent Kenneth Blow for the cooperation and promptness in keeping the driveway and parking lot plowed and sanded during the winter months.

As with any building it was necessary to make minor repairs which could be classified as preventive maintenance. Our heating problems have been nearly resolved and we have been advised that the system is adequate and, with the necessary adjustments, will function properly.

Regular meetings of the Westhampton School Committee are held at 7:30 on the third Thursday of every month at the Center School. Anyone wishing to discuss school matters with the Committee is welcome to attend.

To conclude, The Westhampton School Committee would like to thank our staff for the fine programs presented by our school children. These include the Memorial Day Service, Graduation Exercise and the Christmas Program. These were very much appreciated by the townspeople of Westhampton. Without the continued efforts and interest of Superintendent Buss, Assistant Superintendent Dragon, teachers and parents, our school year could not have been a success.

We have read and approved the report of the Superintendent of Schools which follows.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP J. NORRIS, *Chairman*
MARY LEE MORSE
ROBERT E. MILLER

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXPENDITURES

Administration

Donald J. Buss, Salary	$ 1,457.84	
Donald J. Buss, Travel	120.00	
Richard E. Dragon, Salary	583.56	
Richard E. Dragon, Travel	45.00	
Jeanette M. O'Neill, Secretary	849.96	
Katherine K. Breen, Clerical	213.96	
Bernice C. Greenberg, Clerical	386.24	
Eleanor Scott, Milk Program	75.00	
Louise Inman, Census	25.00	
School Committee Expense	145.12	
Superintendent Office Expense	97.30	
Superintendent Other Expense	32.82	
Out of State Expense	50.00	
		$ 4,081.80

Instruction

Marcella E. Adam	$ 2,000.00
John B. Flanagan	2,800.00
Helen B. Hill	5,733.44
Margaret S. Kroll	6,633.44
Dorothy Ladd	2,000.00
Maxine A. Subocz	2,000.00
Ellen W. Anderson	4,066.56
Frederick K. Fedor	4,821.56
Karen Piehler	3,466.56
Joyce E. Piper	3,666.56
Eleanor Miller, Substitute	90.00
Barbara Phillips, Substitute	15.00
Paul Provasoli, Substitute	36.00
Mrs. James Wade, Substitute	15.00
Helen Seher, Substitute	150.00
Susanna Walz, Substitute	75.00
Hazel K. Clare, Art	770.00
Elizabeth Torrey, Music	510.00

Diane C. Parker, Physical Education		1,027.20	
			$ 39,876.32
Textbooks			1,484.47
Supplies			1,487.67
Physical Education - Supplies			568.14
Audio Visual Aids			202.78
Equipment			428.85
NDEA Title III			100.00
Class Trips			61.64
Maintenance			
Custodians' Salaries	$	1,810.00	
Custodial Supplies		308.35	
Custodial Equipment		74.99	
Fuel		1,258.17	
Utilities		1,167.17	
Maintenance		2,274.05	
Maintenance to Equipment		35.45	
			$ 6,928.18
Health			
Eleanor Scott, R.N.	$	362.50	
Theodore Selkirk		100.00	
Abel Ross, D.D.S.		30.00	
Supplies		17.16	
			$ 509.66
Transportation			
W. R. Witherell	$	3,672.00	
Richard W. Tracy		1,440.00	
Thomas Vachula		6,334.00	
Frank E. Hathaway		5,814.42	
Hampshire Transportation & Service		2,580.00	
Elementary Trans. Special Education		93.50	
Transportation beyond Grade 12		103.00	
			$ 20,036.92
Tuition			
City of Northampton	$	280.00	
Town of Williamsburg		41,447.98	
Smith's School		11,091.52	
City of Springfield		300.00	

Town of Greenfield	412.80	
Adult Education	196.50	
		$ 53,728.80
Total Expenditures for Schools		$129,495.23
Receipts		
Mass. School Fund, Chapter 70	$10,593.75	
Mass. School Fund, Chapter 69 & 71	263.00	
Vocational Transportation	1,752.18	
Transportation	7,946.07	
State Ward Tuition	1,402.33	
State Ward Transportation	280.74	
		22,238.07
Net Cost of Maintaining Schools for 1968		$107,257.16

WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL BUDGET

	1969 Budget
School Committee Expense	172.22
Superintendent Salary	2,756.50
Supt. Clerical and Census	2,082.00
Supt. Office Expense	99.00
Supt. Other Expense	250.50
Out of State Expense	44.44
Art, Music, Phys. Ed. Supv.	2,681.00
Principal's Salary	600.00
Teachers' Salaries	40,969.00
Supplies	1,200.00
Physical Ed.	816.35
Salary Sp. Ed. PH	
Elem. Texts	1,450.00
Library Books	270.00
Audio Visual Aids	327.20
Adj. Counsellor	1,000.00
Health Salaries	517.50
Health Supplies	20.00
Class Trips	150.00

Elem. Trans.	7,560.00
Elem. Trans. Sp. Ed.	592.00
High School Trans.	13,513.98
Vocational Trans.	4,992.00
Trans. Beyond Gr. 12	74.00
Custodian's Salary	1,800.00
Custodial Supplies	300.00
Fuel	950.00
Utilities	1,150.00
Maintenance-Elem.	2,000.00
Maintenance Elem. Equip.	50.00
Trans. Non-Public Schools	768.00
NDEA Title IIII	100.00
Custodial Equipment	150.00
Elem. Equipment	956.70
Tuition Sp. Class	587.20
Tuition High School	54,100.00
Tuition Vocational	11,899.79
Tuition Beyond Gr. 12	340.00
Tuition Adult Ed.	250.00
Total	$157,539.38

SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 6, Monday — Schools open

February 14, Friday - Schools close at regular for Winter Vacation

February 24, Monday — Schools open

April 4, Friday — Schools closed — Good Friday

April 18, Friday - Schools close at regular time for Spring Vacation

April 28, Monday Schools open

May 26, Monday - Schools closed - Memorial Day

June 20, Friday* - Schools close for Summer Vacation

*Closing date depends on whether or not we lose days because of storms.

Enrollment figures taken as of October 1 for 1966, 1967 and 1968 are as follows:

	1966	1967	1968
Grade 1	19	21	17
Grade 2	19	22	21
Grade 3	14	19	19
Grade 4	19	15	20
Grade 5	17	22	15
Grade 6	14	20	23
Sub total	102	119	115
Greenfield Vocational	1	1	0
John F. Kennedy School, Northampton	0	1	1
Smith's School	19	12	14
Springfield High School	0	1	0
Springfield Trade School	1	0	0
Williamsburg Jr. High	34	32	32
Williamsburg Sr. High	29	35	43
Total School Population	186	201	205

The professional staff at the Center School is as follows:

Mr. John Flanagan - Grade 6 and Principal
Mrs. Dorothy Ladd - Grade 5
Mrs. Helen Hill - Grade 4
Mrs. Marcella Adam - Grade 3
Mrs. Margaret Kroll - Grade 2
Miss Maxine Subocz - Grade 1
Mrs. Hazel Clare - Art
Mrs. Elizabeth Torrey - Music
Mrs. Diane Parker - Physical Education

Other staff members include the following:

Dr. Theodore Selkirk - School Physician
Dr. Abel Ross - School Dentist
Mrs. Eleanor Scott - School Nurse
Mr. Garry Anderson - School Custodian

Following the second defeat of the Regional School bond issue in December, it is now obvious that no solution to our high school problem can come before 1971. In 1970 it is quite likely that the absolute maximum capacity of Williamsburg's Jr. - Sr. High School shall be exceeded. It is my hope that whatever solution is found for the problem will not involve a limitation of the number of tuition pupils that Westhampton may send to Williamsburg. Nevertheless, such, a restriction is a distinct possibility and the Town should prepare itself to face what could become an extremely serious situation.

At the end of the 1967 - 1968 school year, School Superintendency Union #51 made up of Chesterfield, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington was dissolved. At the same time Union #66, made up of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg, was created. We now have a regional school district and a school union which are identical in membership.

In order to achieve needed uniform curriculum development within the school union, Mr. Richard Dragon has been engaged as Assistant Superintendent in charge of Elementary Education. As an immediate result, the Superintendent has been able to devote the major portion of his time to the regional school project.

For the second year, a cooperative Summer School was conducted with federal funds received under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Classes were held in three towns: Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg. Chesterfield's children were able to participate by sending pupils to Westhampton. Attendance was limited and only those thought most in need of additional work in Reading and/or Mathematics were enrolled.

At a meeting of Union #66 held in December, it was voted to assume delegate responsibility for the Head Start Program formerly conducted in Goshen and sponsored by the now dissolved Union #25 (Ashfield, Plainfield, Cummington and Goshen). The program for preschoolers will be conducted in Chesterfield at no actual additional costs to the Union or to the Town. Funds will come from the Community Action Com-

mission under a federal grant and qualified children from all surrounding communities will be able to participate in the planned summer program.

The law requires that each community provide an adequate education for all school age children. This law is supplemented by others which require special education for those physically or mentally handicapped, those who may be emotionally disturbed and those with the unusual learning difficulties. Up to now, we have depended upon other communities to provide us with these special class services on a tuition basis. Because of increasing enrollments in these towns, also, we must plan for the time when such education will have to be provided locally. Small towns such as Westhampton cannot afford a class with only two or three pupils in it and for this reason it is advisable to meet this requirement of the law through a Regional approach.

Once again may I express my appreciation to the officials and citizens of the Town for the privilege of serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. BUSS
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of Westhampton Center School.

Four teachers were engaged for the 1968 school year as a result of teachers leaving the school system: Miss Maxine of Northampton, a graduate of Westfield State College replaced Mrs. Ellen W. Anderson as the first grade teacher; Mrs. Marcella Adam of Northampton, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, replaced Mrs. Piehler as third grade teacher; Mrs. Dorothy Ladd of Northampton, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, replaced Mrs. Helen Hill who is now teaching grade four; Mrs. Hill replaced Mrs. Joyce Piper; Mr. John Flanagan of Holyoke, a graduate of the University

of Miami, replaced Mr. Frederick Fedor as principal and teacher of grade six.

As of October 1, 1968, there were 115 students enrolled in the school. This is a decrease of 4 pupils over the previous year.

Westhampton Center School's annual graduation excercises were held June 21, 1968, in the Town Hall. Mr. Donald J. Buss, Superintendent of Schools, presented diplomas to the graduates.

During the summer of 1968 Westhampton Center School was for the second year one of the sites of the School Union's summer program funded by the Federal Government under Title I. This program for middle grade children concentrated on the improvement of arithmetic, reading and Language Arts skills. Twenty-five children from the Westhampton Center School participated in this program. Attendance was excellent and interest very high.

The school was also the recipient of other funds through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Library materials were purchased with this money.

Our modern Mathematics program is now the basic program in grades one through five. Next year it will be introduced in grade six completing the introduction program for all grades. The program has been most interesting and successful with the students.

Once again Parent-Teacher Conferences were held in November after the first marking period. These were well attended and we as teachers appreciate the interest of all those parents who attended the conferences.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the School Committee, Superintendent, faculty, students, custodial and school lunch personnel, bus drivers and the citizens of Westhampton for the fine cooperation and assistance which I have received this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. FLANAGAN

Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

I submit the following report as school nurse for the Westhampton Center School.

In September school opened with an enrollment of one hundred and fifteen students. Dr. Theodore Selkirk, our physician, conducted physical exams during September and October. These were done on all pupils in the first, third and fifth grades as well as transfer students. All children were weighed and measured twice during the school year.

Beginning in September a new state law required all school children through grade 8 to be immunized against pertussis, diphtheria and tetanus, as well as measles, polio and smallpox. For the most part Westhampton parents have been very conscientious in keeping these requirements up to date for their children.

The hearing tests, required yearly by state law, were completed during September. Of the 115 children tested, only two failed the final test and their parents were notified.

Dr. Abel Ross came to school for dental exams in October. Fifty children were examined and 22 were found to be in need of dental care. Cards were sent home to be taken to the family dentist.

Vision tests were given during October and November with eight children failing the final test. Most of these are now under the care of an eye specialist.

In early October the first cases of chicken pox were reported. This spread throughout the kindergarten and later into school. By December a total of 49 cases had been reported to the Board of Health so considerable school time was lost, especially in the first three grades.

The State Public Health Department has recently made available the new mumps vaccine for pupils in grades seven, eight and nine who have never had mumps. Students who are residents of Westhampton may have this vaccine at the annual immunization clinic which will be held in April.

Fine cooperation has been shown by teachers and school officials as well as parents throughout the year and is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR SCOTT

School Nurse

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

On April 2nd an immunization clinic was held at the Town Hall for townspeople of all ages.

Summary:

Diphtheria - tetanus boosters	34
Smallpox vaccinations	6
Measles vaccinations	17

WELL CHILD CLINICS

The annual Well Child Clinics were held on May 1 and May 6. Physical exams were done by Dr. Selkirk on thirty-five pre-school children. Mrs. Stella Swanson, dental hygienist, was present at one session and examined the teeth of 13 children. In addition, 26 immunizations were given.

Mrs. Edwin Hayes, Mrs. Gerald Gould and Mrs. Charles Inman were the volunteer staff and their help was appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR SCOTT, R.N.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The report of the Supervisor of Music at the Westhampton Center School is herewith submitted.

The objectives for music during the year were voice, tone, knowledge of theory, note reading, expression and appreciation.

All grades participated for the programs on Memorial Day, at Christmas time and Graduation. The two upper grades joined together to do part songs and octavos.

Grades three and four have done excellent work in their rooms and have combined many times to do part singing.

Mrs. Kroll continued working with the first grade to the close of school in June. Since September music is being carried on in their own room and much more time is given to this group.

I would like to see the piano in the primary room replaced or made usable. It is very important and the exchange of rooms for the use of the piano could be worked out easily.

There has been remarkable amounts of effort, enjoyment and accomplishment on the part of all teachers and this has made a most enjoyable year for me.

In closing, my thanks to you, the School Committee, teachers and parents for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. ELIZABETH TORREY

Supervisor of Music

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

> Books are a guide in youth and an entertainment for age. They support us under solitude, and keep us from becoming a burden to ourselves. They help us to forget the crossness of men and things, compose our cares and our passions, and lay our disappointments asleep.
>
> *Collier.*

The past year has been a busy one at Westhampton Memorial Library. New fluorescent lighting was installed at the beginning of the year. This has made the library a much more attractive place both for patrons and librarian.

The Herbert J. and Marion M. Mascho Fund provide a new edition of the World Encyclopedia. Considered one of the best encyclopedias for children, this will be a good addition to our reference collection.

On Sunday. December 15, a memorial plague commemorating Mrs. Mascho's thirty-nine years of service to the people of Westhampton was dedicated in a simple ceremony. The plaque reads as follows:

> In loving memory of Marion Clapp Mascho, Librarian from 1928 to 1967. Her years of dedication to the purpose and advancement of this library contributed a worthy influence in the community which she loved and served.

The library has been the recipient of several generous gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burt donated a much needed typewriter. A table and chair for the upstairs room were obtained from government surplus at no cost to the library. An excellent duplicate collection of the National Geographic was given by Mrs. Elbert Arnold of Northampton. Among those who donated books were Mrs. William Miller. Mrs. Emma Stuart, Mrs. Gilbert Flint, Mrs. Clifford Fisher, Mrs. Martin Gugenberger, Mrs. Paul F. Swanson, Mrs. Paul Omasta, Mrs. Addison Green and John Rinehart.

Two hundred and sixty-two books were added to the collection. One hundred and fifty-three for adults and one hundred and nine juvenile.

Through the efforts of one of the trustees, the library received a large collection of books which were put on sale at the Blueberry Festival. Proceeds were used for purchasing some standard titles through taking advantage of book sales.

Six story hours were held this summer with a total of 135 children attending. Miss Ruth Gagnon, Miss Debbie Montague, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Edward Lawton, Mrs. Robert Norris and Mrs. David Morse told stories.

The Vacation Reading Club party was held in August. Prizes and certificates were given to those who had read at least five books. John Rinehart entertained with magic tricks and refreshments were provided.

The circulation for the year was as follows:

Adult fiction 1372; Adult Non-fiction 873; Juvvenile fiction and non-fiction 2799; Periodicals 476 Interlibrary loan from Forbes Library 115.

Books borrowed from the bookmobile for circulation were:

Adult fiction and non-fiction	3143
Juvenile fiction and non-fiction	1312
Total books	4455

The library is open Wednesday from 2 - 5 and 7 - 9 P.M.; Friday from 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 P.M.; Sunday from 10:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PAUL K. SWANSON

Librarian

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year as you all know our State enacted a new gun law. This was an inconvenience to all our citizens and to your Police Department. I wish some good could possibly come from it, but doubt seriously that any but the honest citizen will conform. The only good part of all this was that the money stayed in our town treasury.

99 Gun Ownership Permits issued
40 Pistol Permits issued

All pistol permits and renewals and gun ownership permits may be obtained from me in the Selectmen's room at the Town Hall the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 P.M.

A brief resume of Police Department Activities:

8 Accidents investigated
6 Breaking and entering
7 Court cases
4 Stolen cars recovered
1 Lost child found
1 Assault & Battery
24 Calls for Peace Officer

FRANCIS H. LOUD
Police Chief

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Approval of the Westhampton Civil Defense program paper for the current year by MCDA headquarters qualified the town to continue to participate in the state surplus property program. Two trips were made to the Surplus Property Warehouse in Taunton, and useful furniture and equipment for the library, town clerk, and fire department was acquired at a total cost of $22.00.

Our two fixed monitor radiological instrument kits were returned from state headquarters after inspection and calibra-

tion. A basic course covering radiation and the use of radiation detection instruments is given periodically at Sector 4C CD headquarters at the University of Massachusetts for local Civil Defense volunteers and other interested persons.

In May of 1968 we attended an orientation meeting in Amherst in connection with the U. S. Census Bureau's survey of basement fallout protection available to homeowners in Massachusetts. In the same month we participated in the statewide test of the National Warning System closed circuit (telephone, radio, and telephone) training exercise. A similar test was held in December, 1968 as required by the Office of Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY GREENBERG
Director, Civil Defense

REPORT OF THE CENTER CEMETERY

As 1968 brings to a close twenty-five years of caring for your cemetery, I can look back from those earlier years and see the vast change and improvement of the cemetery as it appears today. I only hope that others appreciate the laborious effort equal pride.

Springtime of 1968 brought on the usual raking and disposal of leaves. Mowing the grass consumed most of the summer and fall hours. Several corner markers were installed or realigned. Eight grave markers were lowered to the grass line so that the mower could run over rather than around them. The East boundary fence was repaired several times because of pastured horses breaking down the fence.

There were ten burials this year.

Two cement foundations for family monuments were poured.

Two new lots were chosen by eligible people.

STANLEY BARTLETT
Caretaker

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to submit my first annual report as Chief of the Westhampton Fire Department.

We have been fortunate in 1968 as we had no major fires. Due to the quick response of the volunteer fireman, small fires which could have resulted in extensive damage, were quickly extinguished. These men have given many hours of their time attending practices and monthly meetings, in addition to actual fire calls. As in the past, a number of drills were held during the year to familarize new fireman with the equipment and to better enable all the men to work more efficiently if the need arises.

This year considerable work was done on the forest fire truck, including the addition of a 275 gallon tank and mount for our portable pump, giving us supplementary aid in fighting fires in wooded areas where the larger trucks are unable to travel.

Your continued co-operation is appreciated in calling 527-2712 for burning permits, as most fires are then accounted for if the Fire Tower should call concerning smoke spotted in the area. To report a fire, please call the Fire Department number - 527-1421.

New members added to the Fire Department this year were: Stillman Brooks, Jr., Murray Clapp, and Thomas Sharac.

We had three calls for oxygen this year and the resusitator, which was purchased in 1967, was used.

Permits Issued. 162 Burning Permits
6 Power Burner and Storage Permits
17 Fire truck runs

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the town officials, the townspeople and to the fireman for the co-operation given me as Fire Chief.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID K. BRIDGMAN
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During 1968, 27 permits were issued as following:

8	New Dwellings	$103,800
3	Garages and breezeways	4,640
2	Basement Play rooms	1,200
4	Porches - new or rebuilt	900
1	Storage and Salesroom	5,000
2	Summer camps	6,500
1	Fire damaged house rebuilt	2,000
2	Rooms added to present house	1,600
4	Bathroom, kitchen, etc., remodeled	5,250
1	Shed demolished	0
	Total	$130,890

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. TRACY
Building Inspector

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board met several times during the year and enacted into law the Sub-Division provision as written in the Mass. State By-laws.

A copy is on file.

DANIEL B. KRUG, *Chairman*
FREDERICK W. BROWN, JR.
RODNEY L. SIROIS
FRANK B. HATHAWAY
ELEANOR E. MILLER

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Our work was laid out during the early months of 1968 and we continued and completed a study of the curriculum to be offered in our school. A number of educators briefed us in the following courses: English, Science, Fine Arts, Commercial Subjects, Health and Physical Education, Domestic and Industrial Arts and Special Classes.

The topographical survey was completed in January and was followed by our first approach to the land owners from whom we would acquire possession by eminent domain. During the winter months, work was begun with the Architects planning the location (its placement on the Burt site) and the design of the school. At this time the Committee voted not to include a swimming pool, but to request that the Architects design the school so that one could be added at a future date.

In early March the first schematic designs were ready and two months were spent in studying and revising these plans so that the school would offer the type of education we wished for our children at the lowest cost. On May 22, the Preliminary Plans were taken to Boston and received the approval of the State Building Assistance Commission.

Winter work brought marked progress in the Spring. The State Department of Health gave its approval of the Burt site. R. E. Chapman Co. drilled a well locating a more than adequate water supply. This water has tested chemically and bacteriologically suitable for drinking purposes. On May 21, the District became the owner of approximately 70 acres of land (the Burt site) in Westhampton.

In mid June, a preliminary construction estimate of $4.393,000.00 was received from William Johnson of West Springfield. With the additional expenses of land, architects' fees, movable equipment, surveys, etc., the total project cost was estimated at $5,150.250.00. A special meeting was called on July 1, to acquaint officials from all 5 towns with these figures and our time table. This meeting was followed by informal public discussions for the residents of each of the Dis-

trict Towns. Controversy over the size, design, heat and overall cost of the school began to arise in Southampton.

Final specifications and plans were received from the architects in August and approved by the SBAC. The Committee voted to advertise for two general contract bids - the first for a base school and the second for an eight classroom addition. Sub-bids were opened on September 30 and the general contract bids on October 7. Low bidder was E. J. Penney & Co. of Springfield at $3,940,100.00. The next evening the Committee met to compute the total project cost and appropriate funds accordingly. Again, the Committee met with Town officials; this time to plan for Town Meetings for approval of our appropriations. In October, 2204 brochures were prepared and mailed to residents in the District Towns.

Town Meetings were held on October 25 and 26 asking voters to approve the following: (1) the appropriation of $4,317,235.73 for a base school and (2) the appropriation of $96.480.00 for an eight classroom addition; also to provide for their share of the $100,000.00 stabilization fund. Southampton was the only town to vote down the school issue. At the wish of the other towns and a group of interested citizens of Southampton, a second attempt was made in early December, but this also failed. At this hour the Committee is of the opinion that the preservation of the District in its present form is of prime importance and that the appointment of a separate Building Committee early in 1969 under the provisions of Chapter 272 (a newly passed law) would be the best road to pursue in our efforts to produce a school plan acceptable to all 5 towns.

An operating budget has been prepared for 1969; it was discussed with Town officials and has been submitted for inclusion in the 1969 budgets. Financial expenditures have been two loans; the first for $75,000.00 at 3.25% in March and the second for $153,000.00 at 3.95% in June. These with the $22,000.00 loan taken out in 1967 total the $250,000.00 appropriation approved by the Towns in 1967. A permanent note in the amount of $22,000.00 for a 5 year period has been issued and the State Street Bank and Trust Co. of Boston will pre-

pare and market bonds to the amount of $228,000.00 for a period of 19 years. Provision for payment of principal and interest on these amounts has been included in the District's budget for 1969.

The Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the architects for their full cooperation in all our planning, to the officials in the District Towns for their assistance, and to the residents who supported the school. It was a keen disappointment that it failed to meet with the approval of all the towns, but as mentionsd before, with the appointment of a new Building Committee, we are hopeful that 1969 will be a successful school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chesterfield: Norman Kirk, John Roberts

Goshen: Homer R. Bissell, Harry Pegg

Southampton: Frank P. Conant, Henry Kowal, Mrs. Margaret L. Madsen, Secretary, Frank D. Wayne

Westhampton: James H. Miller, Philip J. Norris

Williamaburg: Mrs. Katharine B. Curtin, R. Minor Frost, Mrs. Olive Gagnon, Richard B. Warren, Chairman

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet — April 30, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Cash		$ 79,606.18	Temporary Loans:		
Accounts Receivable:			In Anticipation of Serial Issue		$ 97,000.00
Town Assessments:			Payroll Deductions:		
Chesterfield	$ 2,105.83		Teachers' Retirement System	$ 5.00	
Westhampton	1,582.00		County Retirement System	5.42	10.42
Williamsburg	7,978.65		Appropriation Balances:		
		11,666.48	Revenue:		
Estimated Receipts - to be Collected		11,666.48	General	28,725.25	
Loans Authorized:			Non-Revenue:		
Planning Costs		250,000.00	Planning Costs	60,576.25	89,301.50
			Loans Authorized and Unissued		153,000.00
			Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
			Town Assessment		11,666.48
			Surplus Revenue		1,960.74
		$352,939.14			$352,939.14

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1968

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in Bank	$ 15,865.30	Teacher Retirement	$ 5.00
Loans Authorized	228,000.00	County Retirement	20.42
		Temporary Loan, Anticipation of Serial Issue	228,000.00
		Surplus Revenue	15,839.88
	$243,865.30		$243,865.30

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loan	
Planning Loan 1968-1973	$ 22,000.00	School Planning	$ 22,000.00
		Interest Payable November 20 and May 20	
Interest Rate 3%		Principal Payable	November 20

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Year ending December 31, 1968

	Budgeted	Expended	Refunds & Transfers	Balance
Administration (1000)				
1100003 Treasurer's Salary	$ 300.00	$ 300.00		

1100006	Committee Expense	12,350.00	10,997.86	300.00	1,652.14
1200001	Superintendent Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00		
1200002	Clerical	1,000.00	1,073.96	73.96	
1200005	Office Expense	400.00	486.60	86.60	
1200006	Superintendent's Travel	300.00	300.00		
	Total	$ 15,550.00	$ 14,358.42	$ 460.56	$ 1,652.14
Fixed Charges (5000)					
5400317	Interest on Planning Costs	$ 11,250.00	$ 2,465.15		$ 8,784.35
5400317a	Interest on Temporary Loans	3,375.00			3,375.00
	Total	$ 14,625.00	$ 2,465.15		$ 12,159.85
Fixed Assets (7000)					
7340318	New Equipment		$ 898.94	$ 898.94	
	Grand Totals	$ 30,175.00	$ 17,722.51	$ 1,359.50	$ 13,811.99

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT of CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ending December 31, 1968

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1968			$ 14,966.74
Receipts, 1968			
Assessment Income:			
Chesterfield	$ 2,807.78		
Goshen	1,819.25		
Southampton	11,745.62		
Westhampton	3,164.15		
Williamsburg	10,638.20		
		$ 30,175.00	
Temporary Loans		223,000.00	
Employee Payroll Deductions:			
Teacher Retirement	60.00		
County Retirement	207.54		
		267.54	
Interest Received		67.15	
Refund		300.00	
Total Receipts for 1968			$273,776.43
Disbursements, 1968			
School planning and land purchase		$241,000.00	
Operating Costs			
Expended	16,363.01		
Check not cashed	300.00		
		16,663.01	
Employee Payroll Deductions:			
Teacher Retirement	57.50		
County Retirement	190.62		
		248.12	
Total Disbursements for 1968			257,911.13
Cash in Bank, December 31, 1968			$ 15,865.30

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY S. WILLISTON

Treasurer

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET for 1969

1000 ADMINISTRATION		
1100 School Committee		
1. Treasurer's Salary		$ 300.00
2. Legal Services		1,000.00
3. Accountant's Salary		300.00
4. Expenses of the Committee (Dues, conferences, travel, reports, audit fees, treasurer's bond, fee for preparation and sale of $228,000 bonds — ($1,600.00)		3,100.00
1200 Office of the Superintendent		
1. Superintendent's Salary		2,200.00
2. Clerk & Bookkeeper's Salary		700.00
3. Business Manager's Salary		250.00
4. Office Expense (postage, supplies, printing, etc.)		900.00
5. Travel Expense (Supt.)		300.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES		
5400 Debt Service (operational)		
1. Loans in anticipation of revenue		300.00
2. Loans in anticipation of bond issues		
($800,000 x .04 x 8 mos.)		21,334.00
($153,000 x .0395 x 7 mos.)		3,525.06
($75,000 x .03 x 3 mos.)		562.50
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
7400 New Equipment		550.00
8000 DEBT RETIREMENT & DEBT SERVICE		
8100 Debt Retirement		
1. a. 1st year (of 5) on $22,000 =	5,000.00	
b. 1st year (of 19) on $228,000 =	18,000.00	
		23,000.00
3200 Debt Service		
1. a. $22,000 x .03 =	660.00	
b. $228,000 x .047 =	10,716.00	
		11,376.00
Total Budget		$ 69,697.56

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met to organize and review budgets on January 23, 1969. Eight members were present and Phillip J. Norris was elected Chairman.

The School Budget was presented by Phillip Norris. The budget is approximately $25,000 higher than last year with the main increases caused by tuition costs, salaries and transportation. After discussion the School Budget of $157,539.38 was unanimously approved to recommend for Town acceptance.

Frank W. Munson presented the Selectmen's Budget. After discussion and modification this was approved unanimously for $53,142.67 and to recommend Town acceptance.

The Library Committee's request to increase their budget from $500.00 to $750.00 was heard. This was approved unanimously to recommend Town acceptance.

No provision was made in the Selectmen's Budget for the Stabilization Fund. It was voted unanimously to recommend that the Town vote $1,000 into this fund.

A request from the Tax Collector for a salary increase from $500 to $750 was discussed in detail. It was unanimously voted to have this letter read by the Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting.

It was also unanimously voted to recommend that the Moderator appoint four (4) responsible people to serve with the Finance Committee Chairman to study the Town's salary structure. This committee is to report back to the Finance Committee prior to the 1970 Annual Meeting and that their recommendations also be presented to the Town Meeting for action.

The Selectmen recommended and the Finance Committee concurred that a committee of three (3) be appointed by the Moderator to determine the best solution for the Town Highway Building. This committee to study whether a separate building or addition is the best approach to solving the need for more space. This committee to work wth the Selectmen and report back to the Finance Committee and Town Meeting prior to the 1970 Annual Meeting.

RODNEY L. SIROIS, *Secretary*

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON

Balance Sheet — September 26, 1967

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Cash		$ 16,301.92	State and County Assessments 1967:		
Accounts Receivable:			State Recreation Areas	$ 687.28	
Taxes:			State Assessment System	50.00	
Levy of 1965:			State Motor Vehicle		
Personal Property		2,255.50	Excise Bills	76.20	
Levy of 1966:			County Tax	7,348.36	$ 8,161.84
Personal Property	28.60		Payroll Deductions:		
Real Estate	2,180.00	2,208.60	Federal Taxes	331.25	
Levy of 1967:			State Taxes	197.35	
Personal Property	15,405.92		County Retirement System	55.94	584.54
Real Estate	98,163.92	113,569.84	Overpayment to be Refunded:		
Motor Vehicle Excise:			Real Estate Taxes 1965		13.00
Levy of 1966	168.92		Dog Licenses due - Due County		192.00
Levy of 1967	2,728.56	2,897.48	Trust Fund Income:		
Farm Excise:			Thayer Charity Fund	10.75	
Levy of 1967		333.81	Totman Ctmetery Fund	355.15	
Aid to Highways:			Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	48.72	414.62
State	31,375.00		Federal Grants:		

County	10,500.00	41,875.00
Dog Officer Fees - Due from County		83.00
Estimated Receipts - to be Collected		26,688.27
		$206,213.42

Aid to Dependent Children	199.85	
Old Age Assistance	481.20	
Medical Assistance	1,348.51	
School:		
National Defense Ed. Act	185.71	
George Barden Fund	100.00	2,315.27
School Milk Program		429.85
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	93,021.36	
Non-Revenue:		
School Addition	10.49	93,031.85
Road Machinery Fund		6,495.74
Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus		8,580.29
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1965	42.85	
Levy of 1967	9,015.18	9,058.03
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,897.48	
Farm Excise	333.81	
Aid to Highway	41,875.00	45,106.29
Surplus Revenue		31,380.10
		$206,213.42

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:			
Inside Debt Limit	$ 9,000.00	School Addition Loan	$ 9,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:		
Savings Deposits:		Whiting Street Worthy		
In Custody of Treasurer	$ 18,367.48	Poor Fund	$ 1,380.85	
In Custody of Library Trustees	5,770.25	Thayer Charity Fund	1,000.00	
		Wright Charity Fund	1,000.00	
		Lucy Longdon Totman Cmetery		
		General Care Fund	2,000.00	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,700.00	
		Stabilization Fund	11,286.63	$ 18,367.48
		In Custody of Library Trustees:		
		Westhampton Memorial		
		Library	4,000.00	
		Edward H. Montague Fund	562.22	
		Charles G. Loud Fund	647.36	
		Vera Chapman Clapp Fund	560.67	5,770.25
	$ 24,137.73			$ 24,137.73

ARTICLES OF THE TOWN WARRANT

TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1969

7:30 o'clock P. M.

Article 1. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 4. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1969, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highways, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 to the Westhampton Memorial Library to qualify under the acts of 1960, Chapter 700, or take any other action thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from unappropriated available funds the sum of One Thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action. thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote the sum of $500.00 to be used to purchase three (3) C B radios for installation in the three (3) Town trucks, or take any other action thereto.

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